(b) if so, whether some private hospital in collaboration with foreign agencies propose to introduce telemedicine in the capital;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to introduce such facility in Government hospitals in Delhi; and

(d) if so, by when, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) and (b) The Government of NCT of Delhi has reported the development of Telemedicine facilities by a private hospital in Delhi.

(c) and (d) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government at present.

गुजरात में अस्पतालों के आधुनिकीकरण तथा विस्तार से संबंधित योजना

1535. **श्री राजूभाई ए० परमार:** क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान, गुजरात में कतिपय अस्पतालों के आधुनिकीकरण एवं विस्तार की कोई योजना है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या इस संबंध में राज्य सरकार से कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुआ है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ङ) क्या विश्व बैंक की सहायता से राज्य में नये अस्पताल/डिस्पेंसरियां खोलने की कोई योजना है; और

(च) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सलीम इकबाल शेरवानी): (क) से (घ) 170 करोड़ रुपये (लगभग) की लागत से कुछ मध्यवर्ती स्तर के अस्पतालों का विकास करने हेतु डच सहायता प्राप्त करने के लिए गुजरात सरकार से एक परियोजना प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुआ था। विदेशी सहायता की शर्तें राज्य सरकार को उनकी टिप्पणियों के लिए भेज दी गई हैं।

(ङ) और (च) द्वितीयक स्तर पर स्वास्थ्य आधारभूत ढांचे को सुदृढ़ बना कर सेवाओं, गुणवत्ता, पहुंच और स्वास्थ्य सेवाओं की प्रभावकारिता में सुधार करने के लिए 2277 करोड़ रुपये की लागत से आंध्र प्रदेश, कर्नाटक, पश्चिम बंगाल और पंजाब राज्यों में विश्व बैंक सहायता के साथ एक राज्य स्वास्थ्य पद्धति विकास परियोजना शुरू की गई है। इन परियोजनाओं को कार्यान्वित किया जा रहा है।

Portrayal of Kashmir by B.B.C.

1536. SHRI MATANG SINH:
SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that B.B.C. always refer to Indian-administered Kashmir on foreign news channels;

(b) whether Government have ever protested against the manner in which India is portrayed on foreign news channels by B.B.C.; and

(c) if so, the reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir. B.B.C. often refers to Kashmir as 'Indian Administered Kashmir'.

(b) and (c) The matter has been taken up with the B.B.C. through India's High Commission at London' and is being pursued further.

Procedure for approval of CGHS formulary

1537. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the procedure for the approval of CGHS formulary;

(b) when the last CGHS formulary approval committee was constituted;

(c) when did it submit its report;

(d) whether it is a fact that sub-standard medicines are supplied through CGHS as a consequence of the corrupt practices;

(e) whether Government propose to probe into the matter; and

(f) what steps it considers fit to ensure fair practice in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) The formulary for the CGHS is reviewed once in two years by a committee presided by Director (CGHS) and includes Chief Medical Officers, Senior Specialists and Additional Director (Stores).

(b) The Formulary Committee was last constituted on 2nd June, 1995. The Chairman of the Committee was changed on 2nd January, 1996 following the retirement of the previous chairman.

(c) The report was submitted on 22nd February, 1996.

(d) to (f) The questions do not arise as the medicines supplied by the Medical Stores Organisation are of standard quality as each and every batch of medicines is tested in a Government approved Laboratory for its quality, before acceptance by the Medical Stores Organisation.

Development of North-Eastern region as tourist region

1538. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA:
SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to develop North-Eastern Region/Assam into an attractive tourist region; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) and (b) The development of tourism is a continuous process and is primarily the responsibility of the State/Union Territory Governments. However, the Department of Tourism. Government of India has constituted a Task Force for the development of tourism in the North-Eastern Region.

The Department of Tourism, Government of India has identified 18 projects in consultation with the State Government's to provide Central Financial Assistance during 1996-97 for the development of tourism in the North-Eastern Region.

A project for the preparation of a Tourism Master Plan in Assam has also been sanctioned.

Popularisation of heart shrink surgery in place of heart transplant

1539. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Asia pacific region's first heart shrink surgery which is resorted to in cases where hitherto heart's successful transplant was the only remedy, was performed at the Escorts Heart Institute and Research Centre on May 31, 1996; and

(b) if so, what steps are taken to popularise this mode of heart-surgery in cases of "buffalo-heart" patients instead of going in for heart transplant exercise and for giving due recognition to the talented surgeon(s)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This surgical procedure is still in the process of trial/standardisation.